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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Analysis Branch #3

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition

1. On this date Mr. Pritchard of the NCPC called to inform me that NCPC was returning their balance of land acquisition funds, \$40,000. In view of our recent discussions on this subject with the National Park Service, I questioned him about the pending court cases on condemnation proceedings. He referred me to Mr. Chaney, their legal counsel.

2. Mr. Chaney informed me that he saw no reason for NCPC to hold these funds any longer, and that, in his opinion, we could retain or dispose of the balance as we saw fit. He referred to the visit our General Counsel and he had made to the GAO where it was decided that they could not use the \$40,000 in the deficiency award in Arlington County. He stated that if, as a result of the pending court cases, additional awards were made that they would not call on us. Two or three years may pass before awards are made which would run NCPC into deficiencies and NCPC would then have to call upon Fairfax County and the State of Virginia; he said that they would prefer going in for a deficiency appropriation if that occurred.

3. It is anticipated that we will, for the present, hold the balance of \$210,000 and the \$40,000 to be returned from NCPC since NPS has financed the remainder of the final Bureau of Public Roads' requirement. There is some doubt, however, whether the action proposed by NCPC, to seek a deficiency appropriation when and if necessary, would be politically expedient. The possibility of this occurring while we had a balance of funds earmarked for road construction could prove embarrassing. This subject will require further study and discussion.

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